

TWU RESEARCH DAY SET IN HOUSTON

Health care policy researcher and advisor Dr. Nelda P. Wray of Houston will be the keynote speaker during Research Day 2000 at the TWU Institute of Health Sciences Houston Center on Fri., April 28. Wray, who serves as chief of the section of health services research at Baylor College of Medicine and past director of the Houston Center for Quality of Care and Utilization Studies at the VA, will address the effects of placebos and outcome-based health care. Wray's presentation will include information about her recent work, which examines the placebo effect of sham surgery. The public is invited to attend.

The TWU Houston Center's Research Day 2000 provides a setting in which students share their research projects through poster displays and presentations. Wray will deliver the keynote address from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.; a break for refreshments and time to view research posters is set from 10:15 to 11 a.m. From 11 a.m. to noon, Wray and TWU participants will relate the significance of Wray's work to the fields of nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, nutrition and health care administration. Presentations will be held on MGJ 7th floor.

Dr. Wray's leadership role in health services research is recognized nationally and internationally. In 1997 she was appointed by Donna E. Shalala, secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to serve a three-year term as a member of the National Advisory Council for the Agency for Health Care Policy, Research and Evaluation. Wray also has been appointed recently to the National Advisory Group for the Health Services and Research Development Service. As a member of these two committees, she advises on research development for the two largest federal funding agencies for health services research in the U.S.

As a health policy researcher and advisor, Wray possesses a wealth of experience. In 1999 alone, she published more than 10 articles in periodicals as diverse as the *New England Journal of Medicine*, the *Journal of Health Care Management*, the *Journal of Clinical Epidemiology* and *Health Services Research*. She was appointed recently by Gov. George W. Bush to serve a three-year term on the Texas Board of Aging, which is responsible for the oversight and distribution of approximately \$60 million of

federal money to assist the elderly. She also has chaired the Texas Health Care Information Council, spent a year in Washington, D.C., as a Robert Wood Johnson health policy Fellow, and served as health policy advisor to Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole. For details, contact Dr. Kathryn Peek (Institute for Women's Health) at 8-4-2482.

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TWU STUDENTS' SERVICE EARNS REGIONAL TITLE

An enterprising group of students at TWU have combined professional activities with community service to earn a regional championship in Fort Worth. The TWU chapter of Students in Free Enterprise fielded a team of seven students who competed at SIFE's regional exposition on April 3 against several other teams. Based on scores that rated their professional activities and community-based projects, the TWU team has advanced to the international competition in May.

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"We are very proud of our students in SIFE. They contributed 1,090 hours of service, and their projects obviously were well received at the competition," said Sherrie Taylor (Management), one of the university's Sam Walton Enterprise Fellows. The other TWU Sam Walton Fellow is faculty member Chandra Schorg (Management).

"Five students represented SIFE from TWU," explained Tim Pike, the team's captain. "Two other students went to assist us. Now we are preparing for the international competition and will look at fundraising efforts to pay for our trip."

A special project for the TWU SIFE chapter -- comprising more than 40 students -- is nothing new. During the past year, they completed 23 projects, placed stories in Dallas-area news media outlets to reach more people and reached more than 1,000 children with two targeted programs -- the "Alien Project" series and an educational puppet show. The alien project series involved SIFE members who dressed in green from head to toe and recruited students for their "cause": to take over the world economy by creating a product that all humans would buy. The elementary school students learned from SIFE members about the basics of project development and marketing. During another "alien" invasion, youngsters learned about value of bartering and trading.

Older students benefited as well. TWU SIFE members mentored North Central Texas College students

in NCTC's new chapter. That group won honors this year during competition -- a fact which TWU students are proud to talk about. "The NCTC group won 'Rookie of the Year' and first runner-up in their competition," said Pike, "and at least one NCTC student is transferring to TWU next year because of SIFE." Other projects tackled by the TWU SIFE chapter included developing business and marketing plans for several organizations, such as Habitat for Humanity, a mental health counseling center, a lawn maintenance company and a personal training business.

Members of the TWU SIFE team included Pike of Flower Mound, the captain and senior who is majoring in accounting; Cara Davis of Euless, a senior and a general business major; Crystal McCarty of Denton, a senior majoring in management; Aisha Broadwater of Dallas, a junior majoring in mass communications; and Misty Shelton of Pilot Point, also a junior who is majoring in accounting. The two team assistants were Shelly Sheldon of Lewisville, a junior majoring in general business; and Khristina Dyson of Lewisville, a senior majoring in psychology.

"We also add our thanks to Office Depot and store manager Shane Ballard, who supplied us with music stands for our presentation, printed our annual report and treated the team to dinner after the competition," added Pike. The TWU competed in League C with McMurry University in Abilene, Texas; Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La.; the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, Okla.; Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo.; and Paul Quinn College in Dallas.

Members of the TWU SIFE advisory board also lent their time and expertise to the team. Members of the board include: Suzanne Walls, advisory board chair and owner of Personalized Careers (a management search firm in Dallas); Diane Cheshire, retired, Small Business Administration, Dallas district; Connie Bennett, staffing and recruiting manager for Xerox Corporation in Las Colinas; Collin Claunch, manager of the Denton Super Wal-Mart; Dee Mayo, district manager for Office Depot, Irving and Denton; Heather Ridenour, SIFE member and TWU alumna; Dr. Emily Harbold, TWU associate dean for academic support programs; Beth Patterson, senior manager for Deloitte and Touche in Dallas; Wally Boyer, chairman of The Diamond Group in Dallas; and Kathy Eubanks, human resources manager for Baylor Medical Center in Dallas.

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AMBASSADOR WILL SHARE HER NEW BOOK

Ambassador Cynthia Perry witnessed the pinnacles of power and the depths of despair during her

service as an ambassador for the United States. She has learned first-hand about cultural diversity, ethnic inequities, human needs and injustice. Perry's service as ambassador to Sierra Leone is the focus of a new book, *All Things Being Equal: One Woman's Journey*, which she will discuss at TWU on Tues., May 2. The former ambassador now serves on the TWU board of regents.

Perry's presentation, followed by a book signing and reception, will be held at 11 a.m. in BHL 101; the event is free and open to the general public and the campus community. Copies of the book may be purchased on site; the discussion and book signing are co-sponsored by the office of the president and the Friends of the TWU Libraries.

Perry encountered the effects of apartheid first-hand as an African American, and she believes that she was born for a special reason. "I was born for a purpose," said the retired ambassador. "I believe that we must unify the world, and I have been and will continue to be part of that process. I wanted to be an ambassador to Kenya. During my career, I served as an ambassador to two African countries, Sierra Leone and Burundi, and I visited many other nations there as well. My book explores part of that experience."

Perry holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Indiana State University and a doctorate in international education from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst; she is a distinguished alumna at both institutions. She began work in the private sector with Nichols Investment Corporation in Terre Haute, Ind., and then IBM. She also has taught at Texas Southern University and served as director of international student affairs. Perry has trained volunteers for service in the Peace Corps, specifically in Ghana, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Kenya.

Former President Ronald Reagan appointed Perry as chief of the education and human resources division of the Africa Bureau, Aid/Washington, and then as U.S. Ambassador to Sierra Leone. She later was appointed by former President George Bush as U.S. Ambassador to Burundi. She retired as U.S. ambassador in 1993 but continues to work in diplomatic circles in Houston with a number of international organizations and governments. Perry, who continues to serve as director of the international advisory board for FCA Corporation in Houston, is married to retired education professor James O Perry. They live in the Houston area where they enjoy keeping up with 17 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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FAREWELL TO RETIRING FRIENDS

On Tues., April 25, reminisce with friends and colleagues during the annual retirement recognition luncheon. The program will be held at 11:30 a.m. in Hubbard Hall, and Dr. Ann Stuart (president's office) will present citations to honor the 1999-2000 retirees.

Honorees are: Bill Adams (information technology services); Irene Behning (Occupational Therapy); Ronald Bradshaw (facilities management); Jack Bugg (facilities management); Derrell Bulls (business and economics); John Christy (mathematics and computer science); Ira R. Drake (custodial services-

Dallas Presbyterian); RaeAnn Fichtner (history and government); Margaret Griffin (reading and bilingual education); Judy Henley (Nursing-Dallas);

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Gladys Hildreth, family sciences); Carole A. Horn (facilities management); Joan Howard (information technology services); Gretel Lange (dental hygiene); Ruben Lippe (public safety-Dallas Parkland); Dorn Long (Physical Therapy-Dallas); Phyllis McCutchan (financial aid-Houston); Lisa Mestre (performing arts); Mary Murphree (controller); Rose Nieswiadomy (Nursing-Dallas); Betty Roberts (education and human ecology); Helen Stitzel (Nursing); Judith Stocks (Nursing-Houston); Patricia L. Sullivan (Center for Student Research Support); William L. Tribble (purchasing); Nancy Volk (Physical Therapy - Dallas); and Suzanne Webb (English, speech and foreign languages).

For more information, contact Carri Cronig or Nancy McAfee (human resources) at 8-1-3555 or 8-1-3557.

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TWU PRESENTS CARNIVAL OF VENICE

Thanks to TWU, you don't have to travel to Italy to enjoy an exotic evening in Venice! The TWU department of performing arts program in music will present "A Carnival in Venice," an interactive extravaganza featuring the TWU Opera Ensemble and the TWU Concert Choir on Sat., April 29, at 8 p.m. in Margo Jones Performance Hall. Tickets purchased in advance are \$7 for general admission; \$5 for TWU faculty/staff and senior citizens; and \$3 for TWU students. Tickets also will be sold at the door; the prices will be \$10 for general admission; \$7 for TWU faculty/staff and senior citizens; and \$3 for TWU students.

Members of the TWU opera, choral, instrumental, drama and dance programs also will perform during the carnival, which is based on music from five centuries in Venice. The evening will "hosted" by the illustrious 16th-century Venetian composer and courtesan Barbara Strozzi and her escort, Harlequin; audience members will wear masks that were designed and decorated by TWU students. "Carnival season in Venice was a time for entertainment of all kinds," said Beverly Hoch, director of the TWU

Opera Ensemble.

"It's no surprise then that Venice was the birthplace of public theater, *commedia dell'arte* and opera. Because of the anonymity of masking (which was required to gain admission to the theaters), all classes mixed freely," Hoch said. During the intermission, a *commedia* troupe will perform "The Duel," and an outdoor torchlight reception will follow the performance. Displays will be exhibited in the lobby to view before and after the performance. For information, call 8-1-2500.

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HCA HOSTS OPEN HOUSE THIS WEEK

Faculty members in the health care administration program at the TWU Institute of Health Sciences Dallas Center-Parkland will host an open house for prospective graduate students on Thurs., April 27, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The event seeks to promote the department's new Master of Healthcare Administration degree. Members of the general public, employees of Dallas-area health care organizations and individuals who are seeking to advance their careers by earning an MHA are invited to attend.

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"We want to let people from the Dallas and Fort Worth areas to learn about this degree program, which will enable health care professionals to expand their career opportunities. We also wish to encourage other persons who are considering careers in health care fields to explore this degree, which will provide opportunities for advancement and professional growth," said Dr. Robert Maurer (health care administration).

TWU's graduate program in health care administration emphasizes four general skills and knowledge areas: management sciences, the health care environment, strategy and product management, and leadership. "The program is designed primarily to meet the needs of nontraditional students who work full time and who want to pursue this degree on a part-time basis," explained Maurer. "To accommodate these students -- who comprise approximately 75 percent of the program's enrollment -- we offer courses generally scheduled for late-afternoon or evening hours. We do have some students who are going to school full time to earn this degree."

The mission of the graduate program in health care administration at the Dallas-Parkland Center is to provide high quality, post-baccalaureate educational programs in health services management to prepare graduates for professional management careers in the health care industry. "Career opportunities in health care management are growing everywhere," added Maurer, "and we want prospective students to know that they can earn a graduate degree from TWU that will help them advance in their careers."

For details, call the department at 8-2-6560.

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THE BEAT GOES ON

Two programs next week on TWU's Denton campus will bring music to the ears of audience members: an afternoon drumming workshop on Mon., May 1, and an original musical theater production by the TWU Music Theatre Ensemble that evening. The drumming workshop will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Eberly Hall in the Music Building, and the program is free and open to the general public.

"Everything will be provided, so just bring your hands," said Dr. Nicki Cohen (performing arts, music). "We will have paddle drums, bongo drums, a drum set and more. There will be enough drums for anyone who wants to participate." Guest clinicians Dave Mancini and Rick Flowers, professional percussionists who specialize in therapeutic drumming, will demonstrate and teach various drumming techniques. For details, call Cohen at 8-1-2523.

Colors: A Piece About Living will be presented by the ensemble at 8 p.m. in Redbud Theatre. The performance, which also is free and open to the public, will feature an original hour-long musical piece that was conceived and written by students and professors in the group; it will explore relationships, prejudice, self-exploration and self-realization by using color as a metaphor for life. *Colors* grew out of an improvisational work and was well-received during the TWU department of performing arts "Tour of Texas" in January. For information, call 8-1-2500.

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JUDY SOUTHARD INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

By a unanimous vote, Judy Southard (intercollegiate athletics) was inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame at Coker College, her alma mater. The induction ceremony was held April 7 in Hartsville, S.C.

Southard attended Coker from 1966 to 1970, and she was recognized by the school for her accomplishments as a student-athlete and her 30 years in athletics. At Coker, she was a member of the basketball, field hockey, tennis and volleyball teams, and she was also a rated official in basketball, field hockey and volleyball. During her senior year, she was the coxswain on the crew team and president of her senior class. She earned a bachelor's degree in health, physical education, recreation and dance in 1970.

"Being recognized by your alma mater is rewarding, and I'm thankful for my mentors and instructors who helped guide me through my career," Southard said. "I have had the good fortune of working with exciting athletics programs at the high school and collegiate levels."

As a high school teacher from 1970 to 1977, she coached basketball and tennis. In 1976, her West Florence High School basketball team won the South Carolina 4A state championship, and she was named the South Carolina Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year. She also was chosen the South Carolina Girls' Sports Coach of the Year in 1977. After moving to the collegiate ranks, Southard spent three years as head coach at the University of Tennessee at Martin, one year as assistant coach at UT-Knoxville and 11 years at Marshall University in Huntington, W. Va. She earned her master's degree in physical education at UT in 1978. She continued to receive honors at the college level, and she was named Southern Conference Coach of the Year in 1986, 1987 and 1991, and Northeast Region Coach of the Year in 1985.

Southard joined TWU in August 1992 and, during her tenure, the Pioneer athletics program has grown to include five sports. During the past 17 years, TWU student-athletes consistently have maintained a 3.0 or better cumulative grade point average, reflecting Southard's commitment to academic integrity. She established the TWU Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame and has been active in planning new facilities on campus, including Pioneer Hall and Pioneer Field. A member of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of America, Southard also has been a volunteer for Friends of the Family and Special Olympics, and she currently serves on the Denton Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee, the Youth Development Committee for the United Way and the Institutional Managers Advisory Committee for the Dallas 2012 Olympic Bid.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Information and news about activities, programs or TWU people may be sent to Ann Hatch (public information), editor, either through campus mail or by e-mail to AHatch@twu.edu. The weekly deadline to receive information is 5 p.m. for the following week. Student information for the "People" section is not published unless it is submitted by or in conduction with a faculty member and that faculty member's related activities.

Reminder: Poet Walt McDonald will read from his works on Thurs., April 27, at 7:30 p.m. The program will be held in ACT 601. The program is free and open to the public, and a reception and book signing will follow. For more information, call Dr. Phyllis Bridges (English, speech and foreign

languages) at 8-1-2324.

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TWU Update is posted weekly online; the deadline to submit information is every Tuesday at 5 p.m. for the following week. Questions? Call Ann Hatch (public information) at 8-1-3456.

The department of English, speech and foreign languages awarded \$22,120.38 in scholarships to graduate and undergraduate students. The scholarships were given during the department's annual honors and awards ceremony, which was held on Fri., April 14.

The TWU Parkland campus recently purchased a state-of-the-art Student Auscultation Manikin (SAM) with Proposition 2 funds. SAM is a life-sized "manikin" used as a teaching tool for students who are learning to hear and recognize sounds through a stethoscope. SAM allows an entire class to listen together with the instructor to real heart and breath sounds through infrared wireless transmitter stethoscopes. For details, call Lois Wilson (Nursing/Parkland) at 8-2-6517.

Reminder: Purchasing deadlines for the fiscal year are here, and a memorandum from the controller's office was distributed on campus with details and specific dates. Anyone who did not receive the memo should call purchasing for a copy at 8-1-3585.

Reminder: The 2000 Women and Heart Health Luncheon, hosted by The American Heart Association -- Denton Division, Denton Regional Medical Center and the TWU department of kinesiology, will be held on Wed., April 26, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Hubbard Hall. Tickets are \$20. Dr. Barney Sanborn, director of the Institute for Women's Health, will be the guest speaker. For details, call Vic Ben-Ezra (kinesiology) at 8-1-2557.

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UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Please submit "People" items (faculty and staff only) to Ann Hatch in public information by campus mail or by e-mail to AHatch@twu.edu. Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (ie. Dr.).

Sympathies are extended to the family of **Bettee Andrews** (dental hygiene), who passed away on April 20. She is survived by her husband, **John**, a daughter, two grandchildren and two brothers. A memorial service will be held on Wed., April 26, at St. David's Episcopal Church, located at 623 Ector. Donations can be made to the Bettee Andrews Scholarship Fund through the office of institutional advancement.

Dr. Michael Gottlieb (psychology and philosophy) has been selected as a Distinguished Practitioner by the National Academies of Practice, an organization of ten health care professions devoted to promoting quality health care through interdisciplinary practice, education and research. He will receive his award on April 28, 2000, in Washington, D.C.

Susan Myatt and **Janice LaPointe-Crump** (performing arts) co-presented an interactive workshop at the AAHPERD/National Dance Association convention in Orlando, Fla. The title was "Pointes Across Time: A Travelogue of Ballet Styles 1836-1996."

Congratulations are extended to **Vivian Hieb** (registrar's office) following her marriage to **Randy Borth-Smith** on March 25 in Denton.

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Dr. Janice LaPointe-Crump (performing arts) was inducted in the inaugural class of Fellows for the North American Society of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Professionals on March 23. She was also elected vice president of the dance education division of the National Dance Association.

Dr. Phyllis Bridges (English, speech and foreign languages) chaired a session during the annual conference of the Texas Folklore Society in Nacogdoches on April 21. Bridges also was elected to serve on the society's board of directors for a three-year term as councillor.

Dr. Elizabeth Protas (Physical Therapy) received a \$74,079 grant from the Veterans Affairs Center of Excellence in Houston -- part of a larger grant from Veterans Affairs in Washington, D.C. -- to fund "Supported Treadmill Ambulation Training After Spinal Cord Injury." The project will test a new approach to gait training with patients who have had a spinal cord injury and who are undergoing rehabilitation training for walking.

Dr. Claire Sahlin (psychology and philosophy) recently was selected to be the 2001 program chair of

the History of Christianity section of the American Academy of Religion, Southwest Region. She presented the paper "The Suppression of Female Prophecy at the Close of the Middle Ages" at the University of Texas at Arlington on April 1. Sahlin made another presentation, "'Authorization through Motherhood': Pregnancy and Prophecy in the Revelations of Birgitta of Sweden," at the South Central Women's Studies Conference in San Antonio on March 17.

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THIS WEEK AT TWU: APRIL 24 - MAY 1, 2000

April 24-27

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Visual arts: BFA and MFA exhibits, student galleries, Fine Arts Building, free, weekdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tues., April 25

- HR: "Travel," Denton, Blagg Huey Library, room 101, 9-10:30 a.m.
- HR: "Accounts Payable," Denton, BHL 101, 2-3:30 p.m.
- Faculty and staff retirement luncheon, HH banquet room, 11:30 a.m.

Wed., April 26

- Women and Heart Health luncheon, \$20, HH, 11:30 a.m.

Thurs., April 27

- English: Walt McDonald poetry reading, free, ACT 601, 7:30 p.m.
- HR: "Customer Service Internal and External," ACT 501, 9 a.m.-noon.
- Open house: HCA MHA program, Dallas-Parkland, 5:30-7 p.m.

Fri., April 28

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Houston Research Day, free, MGJ 7th floor, 9 a.m.

Sat., April 29

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

- Performing arts, music: *A Carnival of Venice*, \$10/\$7/\$3, MJPH, 8 p.m.
- TASP test.

Sun., April 30

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.

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